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Dear Admiral Grossenbacher:

We write to extend our congratulations and commendation to you and the INL community on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of safe operation of the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR). Forty years ago, on July 2, 1967, the ATR achieved a self-sustaining nuclear reaction marking its operational birth. The benefits have continued ever since.

The ATR is a one-of-a-kind national asset. It has produced much of the world's data on material and fuel response to the high radiation environments of power reactors. The ATR continues today to support safe operations of our nuclear power plants, our U.S. nuclear Navy, space nuclear and international reactor research, as well as the production of medical isotopes. The ATR will significantly advance development of the next generation of nuclear plants.

The timing of ATR's anniversary and the transition of this facility to a national scientific user facility are appropriate, bringing together INL's past and future leading to the clean and safe nuclear energy component for the U.S. energy portfolio.

It is with extreme pride and satisfaction that we celebrate this accomplishment for the State of Idaho and our nation. Please extend our thanks and appreciation to your team at INL for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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